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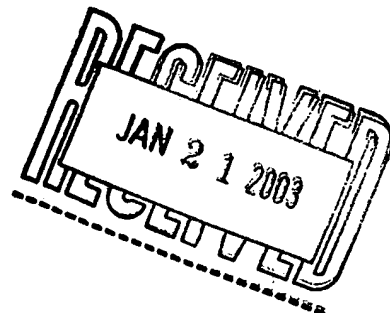
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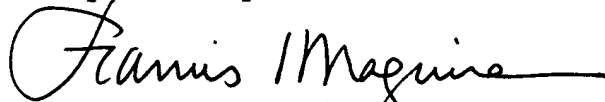
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The two enclosed references US 5,139,319 and US 3,864,172 have been cited by the European Patent Office in a search in a corresponding application. A copy of the relevant EPO Search Report is also enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. It is noted that the references US 5,955,700 and EP 0 844 771 also cited are already of record in this application by virtue of an earlier IDS mailed July 18, 2002 disclosing a British Search Report.

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